## Beatrice Prior's Id, Ego and Superego described in Veronica Roth's Novel *Divergent*

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Abstract: The writer is focused on analyzing the character of Beatrice Prior in Veronica Roth's novel "Divergent." The object of this research is to find out and analyze the characteristic based on the psychoanalytic approach that deals with id, ego, and superego of Beatrice Prior. The primary source used is Veronica Roth's novel "Divergent" which was published in 2011. Based on the data analysis, the writer found the id, ego, and superego of Beatrice Prior. The id of Beatrice appears when she watches the Dauntless member jump from the train. The ego appears when Beatrice chooses Dauntless as her faction offers her family faction. The superego of Beatrice appears when she lets Christina grab the flag in Capture the Flag initiation. Her character in this novel has great ambition and does not give up easily.

**Keywords:** divergent; ego; id; psychoanalytic; super-ego

## RESEARCH BACKGROUND

Literature is a body of written works. The name has traditionally been applied to those imaginative works of poetry and prose distinguished by the intentions of their authors and the perceived aesthetic excellence of their execution. Literature may be classified according to a variety of systems, including language, national origin, historical period, genre, and subject matter.

Psychoanalysis is one of the modern theories that are used in English literature. It is a theory that is regarded as a theory of personality organization and the dynamics of personality that guides psychoanalysis. Psychoanalytic criticism adopts the methods of "reading" employed by Freud and later theorists to interpret texts. It argues that literary text, like a dream, express the secret unconscious desires and anxieties of the author, that a literary work, but it is usually assumed that all such characters are projections of the author's psyche.

Divergent is a novel written by Veronica Roth, which was published by Harper Collins Children's Books in 2011. This novel with genre of young adult, science fiction, dystopian fiction and little bit romance tells the story of Beatrice that lives in a dystopian version of Chicago where the people in this story divide into five factions which are Abnegation (the selfless), Erudite (the intelligent), Amity (the peaceful), Dauntless (the brave and Condor (the honest). Every year all the people reaching aged 16 years have to do an aptitude test which matches them to the faction that they are best for. However, upon receiving the results, they

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can decide whether to stay in their current faction or shift to a new one. On the other hand – those who do not complete initiation become *'factionless'* and are forced to lead a poverty life on the streets.

Beatrice Prior a 16-year-old that renames herself Tris, is born into Abnegation family. Tris does not feel like she belongs in Abnegation, because she does not see herself as naturally selfless. Her aptitude test also chains this, inconclusively indicating aptitude for three factions: Abnegation, Erudite, and Dauntless. The test proctor warns her never to share this information, as it makes her a 'Divergent' before Choosing Day, Beatrice agonizes over whether to stay in Abnegation with her parents, or change to a different faction. On Choosing Day, Beatrice chooses to leave Abnegation and join Dauntless, her brother, Caleb, chooses Erudite. (Roth, 2011: 82)

The reason for choosing this title is because the character of Beatrice Prior is very unique and fascinating. She is different from the others, she is divergent. She has fear, but at the same time she also has no fear and has a challenging spirit. That is why she entered the Dauntless faction.

## REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

The character of Beatrice Prior in Divergent Novel by Veronica Roth (2011): A Psychoanalytic Approach. Divergent is the presentation novel of American novelist Veronica Roth, published by Harper Collins Children's Books in 2011.

Society has many cultures, religions, and rules. All have a rule and system to control people because they cannot life alone. To break the rules, usually, they do the rebellion action to achieve their aim. Rebellion is violent action organized by a group of people who are trying to change the political system in their country (Jeremy M. Weinstein, Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence, 2006). Tris and Four against Erudite and the leader of Dauntless when they attack the Abnegation sector. They want to turn off the computer system to control Dauntless and to attack Abnegation, but they all under the control by Erudite. Tris and Four try to turn off the computer system but it is not easy. Tris's parents dead because they try to save Tris and help her enter in Dauntless headquarters. In the end Tris can turn off the computer and she runs in Amity to get protected. Tris has psychological problems. The psychological problem of the major character encounters causes the conflict of her mental condition. Then, it develops to become an ambition of her does a rebellion action against Erudite faction. Her great ambition is against the Erudite's opinion that Divergent is dangerous.

The research applied the Psychoanalytic approach. The theory consists of three basic principles of the psychoanalytic approach that are id, ego, and super-ego.

The id Tris appears when she watches a Dauntless member jump from the train. She feels very curious about Dauntless member action. Tris always waits for them to come from the Dauntless sector to use the train and Tris likes all Dauntless member activities such as jumping from the train, making a tattoo on their body, and because they are free spirits.

The ego appears when Tris chooses Dauntless as her faction offers her family faction.

The Superego of Tris appears when she lets Christina grab the flag in Capture the Flag initiation. Tris knows that she cannot be selfish because Christina is her best friend and last, she lets Christina grab the flag. And from the previous research entitled "PATIENCE REFLECTED IN OKKY MADASARI'S BOUND (2013) NOVEL: A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH."

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The major problem of this study is patience. The objective of this study is to analyze Okky Madasari's Bound novel based on the structural elements and analyze this novel based on the Psychoanalytic Approach.

Okky Madasari's Bound shows the character of Sasana's personification to round character. Sasana is a kind of person whose personality is dominated by a super-ego. It happens because he is willing to cage his soul and his thoughts. He began building up a high wall. He bound her own and feet. The researcher concludes that super-ego is basic principle of psychoanalytic that can interrupt good or bad behaviors. The writers convey the meaning of family and friendship that become a major problem in Sasana life. The super-ego makes Sasana think about bad or good.

## RESEARCH METHOD

The research of this study is a qualitative method. According to Strauss and Corbin (Cresswell, 1998:24), qualitative is research that the findings cannot be achieved by statistical measures or quantification. This method is influenced by the word power and sentence used. The focus of research attention is on humans and objects for understanding a phenomenon, social life, history and behavior. Data collection in qualitative research can be observation, in-depth interviews, focus group discussion, and library research.

Based on that explanation, the source of data in this study was obtained through the original novel written by Veronica Roth "Divergent" in an electronic book (e-book), therefore, this data became the primary source. In addition, some of sources were taken from the internet as a reference to corroborate and complete the data. By using library research through the novel, the data were collected by reading the whole story to understand and comprehend about the story; the research by rereading the story to mark and taking notes the sentence that will be used as data source; after collected, the data will be analyzed. For analyzing the data, the research used the descriptive analysis technique by describing research findings based on the data analyzed using psychology literature as the approach in analyzing this research and come to an end to drawing conclusions.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Divergent is a novel by American novelist Veronica Roth, published by Harper Collins Children's Books in 2011. It is a young adult dystopian novel set in a post-apocalyptic Chicago. After the great war that broke out, the Dystopian society was divided into five separate regions called factions to maintain order and stability. The five factions are Erudite, Amity, Candor, Dauntless, and Abnegation. The Erudite faction is a faction for people who have very intelligent and logical minds. The Amity Faction is a faction for a kind and peace-loving people, they grow crops and provide it for other factions. Their clothes are orange and yellow. The Condor Faction upholds honesty in each of its members. They are dressed in black and white. The most daring faction is the Dauntless. They are the nation's protectors, and they are known for their bravery and insane behavior. Their uniforms are black. Next is the Abnegation faction which has a high social spirit, they always help selflessly. But there is one faction that does not belong to any faction and is dangerous, which they call the Divergent. Divergent tend to deviate from the norm, in this case, the mindset and way of thinking of these groups. Divergent is considered dangerous. Because Divergent minds cannot be controlled or made to adapt in any particular way, faction leaders fear what Divergent are capable of.

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The organization in Veronica Roth's novel uses a conventional plot. The relationship between characters can bring the story into some conflict, so which will create a plot. The chronology of the plot begins with an exposition, which describes the setting of place and time, including problems that make the story more complete by introducing several main and minor characters. The next part continues with complications consisting of several conflicts that increase the tension of the story. The climax as the effect of several conflicts that occur increases to high tension. Therefore, the results need to be decided. The last part of the plot is the resolution as a solution to the highest tension. Meanwhile, this story has a cause and effect between one event and another. It is possible to change Tris as the main character to Dauntless.

The point of view used in the Divergent novel is the first person point of view, this can be seen from how Tris as the main character describes the story. Using this point of view allows Veronica Roth to pinpoint the character's motivations quickly and depict events that the main character cannot witness directly.

The theme in this novel is "the character of Beatrice Prior to achieving goals can be achieved if you manage your abilities and stay focused on the plan". Here Tris knew that the Erudite faction could take over the government. In order to stop the Erudite's plans, Tris must discover what strategies and who assist the Erudite in helping to achieve their goals.

Another theme is "Your choices define you more than anything". Tris is faced with two choices: staying with her family in the faction where her parents raised her, Abnegation, or moving to another faction and starting a new life. Even though her aptitude test results were inconclusive, Tris could match Abnegation, Erudite or Dauntless. And Tris prefers Dauntless because she feels it will allow her to discover her true self.

"Lust for power can destroy your personality" is another theme in Divergent novels. Here, Jeanine Matthews as the leader of the Erudite tries to control the Dauntless and destroy Abnegation, by lying to the people in the process. Power makes the Erudite leader cruel and greedy. The theme of power also emerges in a more subtle and stronger way in this novel. The struggle between Dauntless initiates to reach the top ranks brings out the worst in many of them. Peter and his cronies tease and harass Tris even though she is physically weaker than them. Peter poked Edward's eye to raise the top. The tension over the rankings even drives the gentle Al to violence and eventually commits suicide. In this Divergent novel, the most powerful person is the one who has the most control over other people.

In her novel, Veronica Roth also supports the main idea in the novel using her own idea in a storytelling style. He tells the story in simple figurative language to make it easy for readers to understand the story of the novel. Researchers can find some words that are rarely used by other writers but make the story sentences more beautiful. All parts of this novel are arranged systematically well. Each part of the novel supports the main idea or theme, the human personality with the main character. This happens because the author's ideas are well constructed and all parts of the novel support each other.

Based on structural analysis, all elements can be linked to each other into a solid whole. From the explanatory data above, it can be concluded that the structural elements of Divergent consist of characters and characterizations, settings, plots, points of view, themes and styles that are coherently arranged and related to one another.

## **Id Analysis on Beatrice Prior's Character**

Tris, as the main character, has many psychological problems in her life. Regarding the id, ego and super-ego that Tris displays in this novel. Tris' first id came up when she saw the Dauntless members get off the train. He was very curious about the actions carried out by the Dauntless faction. Tris loves all the actions the Dauntless do like jumping off trains, getting tattoos on their bodies, and having a free spirit. In the second id Tris also appears when she chooses Dauntless in choosing the ceremonial offer from her family faction, Abnegation. Here, Tris also shows that she is a selfish and brave girl, and she doesn't feel like she belongs to Abnegation. He chose to leave his mother and father and followed his heart to join Dauntless.

The third id came up when Tris found Dauntless very attractive. He has many friends who always help and encourage him when he loses the initiation exam. Tris has a weakness at the time of the physical test. That's because she never exercised while in Abnegation and she was a little afraid of the violence perpetrated by the Dauntless members. But Tris didn't want her to be kicked out of Dauntless one day and become factionless. In order to save his life, he always exercises his physical strength when other initiates are going to sleep. Until the flag capture test, he succeeded and became a hero because he told the strategy to find the hidden flag with his opposing group. This makes the group a winner. To celebrate the victory, some Dauntless-born initiates ask Tris to join them and do some crazy things. Tris really liked that because she could freely laugh without thinking it was forbidden like in the Abnegation faction. From the facts above, we can see that the big id Tris can join to become a member of Dauntless because she knows that she is selfish and brave.

## **Ego Analysis on Beatrice Prior's Character**

The ego is the mediator between the id and the super-ego. It operates on the reality principle, which means that the id and super-ego allow them to express their desires, impulses, and morals in realistic and socially appropriate ways. It is said that the ego stands for reasons of prudence, developing with age.

The ego first appears when Tris chooses Dauntless as her faction to offer her family faction. Before the selection ceremony there is an aptitude test, the results of this test will place you in the place of a faction that suits your personality and abilities. Unexpectedly, Tris' test results show that she can fit into all groups, or is called Divergent. Tris' instructor asked her to hide her status as it was dangerous. He continued to hide his status with his family as well. Divergents are special people but they are claim to be dangerous by Erudite because Divergents can destroy the faction system. Usually, one person has one trait to join a faction. This can be seen from the aptitude test, the results will show which faction you belong to. There are five factions: Amity for peace and nature lovers, Candor for honesty, Erudite for intelligence, Abnegation for government or public servants, and Dauntless for brave and selfish people. A person who has two or more traits is called a Divergent. When the aptitude test begins, Tris' instructor named Tori helps her to hide Tris' status as a Divergent. Tori also asks Tris not to share her test results even with her family.

The second was when Tris continued to take the Dauntless initiation test even though Eric said she had been expelled from the Dauntless faction. Christina says she can return to her family again because Tris' father is a government official. But Tris didn't want to return to the Abnegation faction because she didn't want to be a coward, so she decided to stick with the test. Luckily Eric allowed him to join and his team won the flag capture test. It made Tris's rank continue to rise from what it was previously just below.

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The third ego is when Tris finds the flag in the initiation of the capture of the flag, she wants to take the flag but Christina says that she has proven her heroic act in this initiation test. In this test, the person who can get the flag will get more points and it can be a good opportunity to increase the 8uzranking points. Tris' fourth ego is when she is angry with her enemies, there are Peter, Molly and Andrew. Those who always made Tris angry by belittling her and blaming her because Tris came from Abnegation. They called Tris stiff and always mocked her based on her physical abilities. Tris wants revenge and also proves that Tris can beat them.

The fifth ego is when Tris hurts other initiates to get high points. He had to fight with other initiates, it was very difficult for him because of his physical strength and previous faction, but he kept trying and he was finally able to win. In Abnegation her parents never did violent acts towards other people, violence and belittling others because it was not allowed there, but in Dauntless Tris had to do it because otherwise she would be expelled from the Dauntless faction. From all the facts above, the book of Jesus sees that Tris' ego made her a member of the Dauntless because all her actions were to prove that she could do better than her enemy.

## Superego Analysis on Beatrice Prior's Character

The super-ego is the moral element of the justice branch of the system personality. Freud stated "The super-ego is the internal representative of traditional values and evaluative norms. The super-ego represents the ideal world rather than pleasure or the real world trying to achieve perfection rather than pleasure. (Hall and Lindzey, Theory of Personality (Second Edition), 1985.

Tris' super-ego is seen when she lets Christina hold the flag in a game of looking for the flag. Here, all alliances are divided into two teams for this game. Each team will be mixed members, dauntless from birth, and transfers. First, One team will be lowered then find a place to hide the flag. Then, the second team will be deployed and do the same. The person holding the flag will get points. Tris was the first to find the hiding place of the enemy flag, four sent Tris and Christina up and she guarded them against enemy attacks. When tris tried to hold the flag, Christina asked tris not to be greedy because today she just become today's hero. Tris knew she couldn't be selfish because Christina was her best friend. Tris can control her supergo because she is a divergent. He has the temperament of all five factions and since he's from Abnegation, he knows little about sharing.

Tris' second super-ego when the AI was bullied by Eric. Eris asks AI to stand in front of the board and four will throw a knife at the board. The rules are that the AI must not blink when Four throws the knife. If the AI flashes he will be kicked out of Dauntless. Tris didn't like Eric's orders, so she asked Eric to stop. Then, Tris took the place of AI because she was indeed a brave woman.

The explanation above shows that in achieving what you want to achieve, psychological aspects can affect a person's behavior and personality to be more progressive. In this novel, Tris always shows her rebellious nature by breaking the rules of Dauntless and Abnegation. He is also very brave to argue with Jeanine about divergent even though it is perilous for him. He also has a rebellious spirit within him, this appears when he wants to choose to join the Dauntless members over his family faction. In Dauntless, all the rules contradict his will, it makes him break the rules, disobey and always do what silence wants.



## **CONCLUSION**

Divergent is a presentation novel by American novelist Veronica Roth, published by Harper Collins Children's Books in 2011. It is a young adult dystopian novel featuring a postapocalyptic version of Chicago. After the great war, society was divided into five separate regions called factions to maintain order. But there is one incapable and dangerous faction they call Divergent.

In this case, the writer will analyze the characteristic of the main character of the drama. The approach that will be applied is the psychoanalytic approach, namely the application of psychology in literary works that can be used to examine the creative process, study the author's life to understand his works, and to explain the character. In this study, the writer will use only the third application. The theory consists of three basic principles of the psychoanalytic approach, namely the id, ego and super-ego.

Tris' id appeared when she saw the Dauntless members jump off the carriage. He was very curious about the actions of the Dauntless members. Tris always waits for them to come from the Dauntless members, like jumping off the train, getting tattoos on their bodies and because they are free spirits.

Tris' ego appears when Tris chooses Dauntless as her faction to offer her family faction.

And tris' super-ego appears when she lets Christina take the flag in the Capture the Flag initiation. Tris knew that she couldn't be selfish because Christina was her best friend and finally, she let Christina take the flag.

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**Appendix** 

Excerpt	Classification	<b>Analysis of Contents</b>	Page
"So today is the day," she says	Plot Exposition	Because at the beginning of the story, the selection of a faction will be determined which will determine the next life for Tris.	Page 6
"She looks over her shoulder like she expects someone to appear behind her. "are calledDivergent."	Plot Exposition	Because in the novel there is a test that is used for pre-test before determining the fraction, because how he finishes the test will describe what fraction he is compatible with.	Page 14
"I can't believe you got another tattoo,"	Plot Exposition	The character Four in this novel has a fear that is interpreted through his tattoos.	Page 102
"Are you Divergent?"	Plot Exposition	When Tris can escape from a liquid that can affect the minds and bodies of everyone except the Divergents.	Page 110
You can't be fearless, remember?" I say. "Because you still care about things. About your life." "I know."	Plot Exposition	Because at the beginning of the story, it is explained that Tris' family is from Abnegation which really cares about others. That was why Eric made him doubt which faction he would choose.	Page 138